



Speedway Boulevard Camino Seco to Houghton Road Improvements

Project Update

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS 404 PERMIT RECEIVED

We have finally received our environmental permit and have begun work between Bonanza Avenue and Houghton Road. Underground utility work must first be done before the box culverts at Este Wash and Coronado Ridge Wash can begin.

FINAL PAVING

Yes, we are ready for the final paving! The section of Speedway Boulevard between Camino Seco and Bonanza Avenue is expected to be paved and completed by the end of October 2011. Valve box cover and manhole adjustments will follow the final paving. Temporary striping will be provided while the remainder of Speedway Boulevard is under construction.

TEMPORARY PARK-N-RIDE DRIVEWAY ACCESS

The Speedway and Harrison Park-N-Ride is proposed to move to Houghton Road and Broadway Boulevard. This move has been delayed. A temporary access through the new median on Harrison Road will be provided in the interim for buses only. This median will be completed and the gap closed when the new Park-N-Ride is completed.

WORK HOURS

Work hours are generally between 6:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Occasional weekend work and night work may be required.

WHAT TO EXPECT

SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD LANE SHIFT

Traffic will be shifted to both sides of the new median between Camino Seco and Bonanza Avenue Friday, September 23, 2011. Drivers will be able to make U-turns at median breaks unless signs restrict this movement. Drivers will be restricted to making only right turns only, out of many properties. This change in traffic circulation will ultimately make it safer for both drivers and pedestrians in the long run.

REINFORCED CONCRETE BOX CULVERTS

Traffic will be shifted to the south side of Speedway Boulevard between Bonanza Avenue and Houghton Road while box culverts and other underground utilities are constructed along the north side of Speedway Boulevard.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why Are Street Lights On During the Day?

Street lights are left energized during the day as our special provisions require the lamps to burn a minimum of 100 hours to break them in and to determine if the circuitry or lamps are defective. Street lights will then be activated to come on or turn off by a photoelectric switch that is sensitive to sunlight.

Why Do We Sometimes Experience Flooding After Drainage Improvements Have Been Constructed In the New Roadway?

The drainage design of the new road has been engineered so to not discharge any more stormwater on to a property than what could have been expected to cross that property before the project began. Specific area rainfall and varying intensity cannot be controlled and never, ever, is the same. Despite our efforts to construct properly sized and location sensitive drainage improvements, it is quite possible that various areas will be inundated with a heavy rain making it look like the drainage improvements are not working. An intense rain makes it difficult for any type of drainage structure to handle the stormwater effectively. Be patient, the water level will subside shortly making it easier to collect.

WHO TO CALL

Contact **Fred Felix, TDOT Engineering Project Manager, at 837-6620** if there is an emergency or if you have concerns. Thank you for your patience as we work to provide a better community. Please look to our web page for construction and road closure update information at updates <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/project/speedway-camino-seco-houghton> .